

## GOSPEL ARMY MAN BEHIND THE BARS

General Mobley and His Lady  
Co-Worker Are In Bad  
Once More.

BOTH ARE IN JAIL

Deserted Wife and Former  
Friends Will Join in Effort  
to Mete Out Punishment.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Prison walls again enfold, not too graciously, the co-religious workers, Gen. W. E. Mobley and Mrs. Charles Mayes, erstwhile of Washington and erstwhile of several other places.

Love's young dream is not concerned in this happy and unhappy culmination of romantic and hazardous adventures outside the realm of spiritual affairs.

Gen. Mobley is regarded as a man of resources by his friends and associates. His wife, who is now in Arkansas, Ark., spent a season in St. Elizabeth's hospital, the general maintaining she was insane. He made good his contention, even though Mrs. Mobley insisted the charge of insanity was the creation of her husband's inventive genius.

Arrested in Clarksburg, W. Va., with Mrs. Mayes, he paid a fine of \$125.00 and returned to Washington and resumed control of the Gospel Army, of which he is the founder. Again he was arrested with Mrs. Mayes on complaint of the woman's husband, and again his resourcefulness resulted in his acquittal.

He is now a prisoner with Mrs. Mayes in Chattanooga, Tenn., as a result of letters of accusation sent to that city by Mayes and J. M. Little, the latter being his partner up to Tuesday in the founding and organization in Washington of the Gospel Army.

Former friends and the deserted wife have joined forces and promise to wage warfare upon General Mobley and Mrs. Mayes. If they return to Washington, Little, former friend and co-worker, but now a disgusted enemy, swears allegiance to Mrs. Mobley and Mayes, the deserted husband. He says he had aided Mobley to get out of jail for the third and last time; that he has disbanded the Gospel Army, and started out in the religious field for himself. Mobley, according to Little, was arrested for using improper language in the streets of Richmond, Va., for going away with Mrs. Mayes to Clarksburg, and again on the same charge in Washington.

**Had Checkered Career.**  
Mobley had had a checkered career. He has been a painter, a preacher of the gospel, and the founder of a religious sect. He was born in Jackson, Miss., about forty-seven years ago. In that city he organized the first band of Gospel Workers. In the course of his career he was also a preacher in a Methodist Protestant church in Texas.

Shortly after opening headquarters in the National Capital Mrs. Amelia Clay, an Indiana widow, appeared. Mobley courted her and won her as his wife. The lived happily together until Mobley began proceedings to have her adjudged insane. Soon thereafter Mobley met Mrs. Mayes, with whom he worked at religious meetings, with a zeal that caused more or less comment.

Little abandoned the Gospel Army yesterday and founded a religious society to be known as Gideon's Army, of which he is to be the commander-in-chief. Headquarters have been established 1210 D street northwest. Mrs. Mobley has written a letter to Little, saying she would come to Washington and appear against Mobley. She writes that Mobley promised to send her some literature to sell, the proceeds of which she was to use to pay her fare from Arkansas to Washington.

## PLAYERS SOLD

Two Favorites Are to Go to  
the Dallas, Texas, Team  
Next Season.

Bob Conway and George McAvoy, the best team of the Pennsylvania and West Virginia baseball league, have been sold to the Dallas club of the Texas league and will play in the latter league the coming season. The sale was negotiated and completed by John Wickenhafer, of Wheeling, who is a player on the Fort Worth, Texas, team, whose club is a member of the Texas league. Their departure from the Clarksburg team is a matter of regret as they made good and were favorites.

Mrs. Nellie Steel, of Parkersburg, is visiting in Fairmont and will arrive here in a day or so to visit relatives and friends.

### A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

The chime the chimes the  
Christmas bell,  
The laughter the merry the  
mirth;  
The peace call echo from every  
dell,  
For the brightness of Bethle-  
hem's birth.

Shepherds and flocks and  
watchers by night,  
Three wise and a star in the  
sky;  
Peace on earth and freedom  
from strife,  
Comes the call from world's on  
high.

A carpenter a king a keeper of  
sheep,  
A dweller beside the sea;  
The soldiers the cross the faith  
to keep,  
And the madness of Gethsemane.

Hallowed and gracious and  
good is the time,  
Sing praises to Him of such  
birth,  
It comes on the wings of the  
wildest wind.

All peace to ye men of the  
earth.  
—William Heskell Poling,  
in The Baltimore Sun.

## LARGE ORDER TO BE GIVEN

By the Baltimore & Ohio  
Railroad Company for  
Steel Rails This Year

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—The engineering department of the Baltimore & Ohio has completed estimates of the number of tons of steel rails required for the next year, setting the figure between 50,000 and 60,000 tons. The estimates are now before President Oscar G. Murray, preliminary to the placing of contracts. A quarter to a third of the order will be open hearth rails. Bessemer rails cost \$28 a ton, and open hearth rails about \$2 a ton more. The total cost of the rails will be in the neighborhood of \$1,700,000.

It is believed the Maryland Steel Company will receive a large share of the order for Bessemer rails, as it is the policy of the Baltimore & Ohio to encourage industries located along its system. The Maryland concern does not manufacture open-hearth rails, though, owing to the increased use of that variety, it is probable that the company will install furnaces for that purpose in the near future.

The order for 135,000 tons of rails, which has been placed by the Pennsylvania railroad is not as large as was expected, but it is an important one by reason of the fact that the specifications are said to call for about one-half of open hearth, and many persons incline to the opinion that in the future the rails of the Pennsylvania will be largely of that kind.

Besides steel rails the Baltimore & Ohio is also dealing on the purchase of a large amount of rolling stock, including locomotives, box and coal cars and passenger coaches, involving an expenditure of several million dollars.

The Seaboard Air Line is also in the market for steel rails and passenger and freight equipment.

The amount of rail business in sight and for which specifications are being prepared will give the rail mills of the country contracts to the amount of \$75,000,000 by January 1.

## STUDY OF EYE

Is to Be Continued at To-  
night's School of Local  
Physicians.

The fourth weekly meeting in December of those who are taking the post graduate course of the Harrison County Medical Society will be held in the Empire building tonight and the diseases of the eye will be taken up again for study and lecture.

The following program will be observed:  
The Diagnosis of Cataract—Dr. F. R. Dew.  
The Diagnosis of Glaucoma—Dr. E. A. Wilson.  
Foreign Bodies in Eye—Dr. C. R. Ogden.

## THE OLD VIRGINIA REEL

A CHRISTMAS REVERIE IN VERSE  
BY ROBERTUS LOVE



IN old Virginia, on the James,  
Beside Potomac's placid flow,  
Where timid Shenandoah shames  
The rival waters with its glow  
Of Koppahall's ruins, you know  
(Ere war had faded its fiery steel),  
Some half a hundred years ago  
They danced the old Virginia reel.

Where now are they the stately dames,  
The dimpled maidens all a-crow,  
Who played with hearts the dearest games  
While lightly treading to and fro?  
Where now is all the dainty show  
Of silken fabrics, glances of heel  
And gleam of satin slipped too  
That danced the old Virginia reel?

Where now the cavaliers? The names  
Of some have fed the battle blow  
Of glory—soured in battle names.  
They sleep, Virginia, not below—  
And some have quaffed the common wine  
Of nameless death their dooms to seal.  
And yet, good fellows all, height!  
They danced the old Virginia reel.

ENVOY.  
Gallants and girls, I see ye grow  
From out the gloom—your ghosts ap-  
pear!  
Touch hands anew—the music—  
We'll dance the old Virginia reel.

## INAUGURAL ARRANGEMENTS RAPIDLY BEING COMPLETED

### TOUGH BUNCH

Arrested in Wheeling Charged  
With Violating Internal  
Revenue Laws.

PARKERSBURG, Dec. 24.—Deputy United States Marshal Elzie Williams of Wheeling, and William Gompers, acting as a guard, has arrived here from Wheeling with five colored prisoners, charged with violations of the internal revenue laws in selling liquor without a license. The names of the prisoners are: Pete Davis, George Fox, John Johnson, Jessie Wetzel and Hattie Johnson.

Another one of the crowd arrested was Lizzie Johnson, better known in Wheeling as "Big Liz," who was released on Tuesday on \$1,000 bail to answer to the federal grand jury at the January term of court. In this city, and the others were committed to jail in this city.

The complaint was made by Deputy Revenue Collector H. S. Stock and the prisoners were arraigned before United States Commissioner G. E. Boyd, Jr., of Wheeling. The gang have been celebrated in the Nall City for their reckless selling of liquor, inhabiting the famous Alley C, near the upper market house in that city, and have given the city authorities there a great deal of trouble. Their game, it is alleged, is to get strangers, and particularly foreigners, to one of their dives, using double frequently to relieve them of their money.

"Big Liz," it is said, has been in police court in Wheeling no less than twenty-five times during the last year and her bad record was responsible to a large extent for her bond being placed so high.

### WILSON IS FINED

By Squire G. H. Gordon for Assault  
and Battery on Carload

Sam Wilson, colored, was fined \$5 and costs in a trial before Squire G. H. Gordon Wednesday for assault and battery upon Frank Caridad, also colored. Sam made arrangements to pay his fine and was released. Constable R. E. Kidd made the arrest.

Seventy Thousand Dollars  
Raised Thus Far to Defray  
the Expenses of Event.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 24.—Secretary Thom, of the inaugural committee, and his corps of assistants, has nearly completed the roster of committees and recorded them at headquarters at the New Willard. Additions to seven committees were reported from the office of Chairman Stellwagen. The committee on printing was approved and made public and a great number of the preliminary details of the arrangements for the 4th of March ceremonies were disposed of.

Milton E. Ailes, chairman of the finance committee, is one of the happiest men in Washington. The guarantee fund is growing rapidly and soon afternoon yesterday passed the \$70,000 mark. Subscriptions large and small come in every mail, and Mr. Ailes feels confident that the committee will be able to frame its plans on the \$100,000 basis. Should this amount be pledged within the next few days the committee will have plain sailing to the most elaborate and interesting inaugural ceremonies ever seen in Washington.

**Organizations Want Places.**  
Thomas P. Morgan yesterday received several communications from civic bodies for places in the marching column, and his office was busy answering letters and recording the civic bodies which will be here to participate.

General Johnson is also receiving communications from military organizations which will appear in the parade, and is beginning to build up that part of the marching line.

With the approval of Chairman Stellwagen, the following were added to the committee on civic organizations: Myron W. Cady, A. Frey, C. A. Miller, Elmer E. Ramey and C. E. Wood.

The following were added to the finance committee: John Callahan, E. B. Olds, W. F. Herron, E. C. Frainger, and Archibald Hopkins.

To the press committee the following were added: Col. H. L. Snyder, C. S. Mercer, George W. Haines, Frank L. Freegone and Thomas F. Logan.

To the fireworks committee were added Maj. M. J. Bunnell and Louis S. Burdette.

**Republican Club Gets Place.**  
Thomas P. Morgan, chairman of

the civic organizations committee, has assigned to places in the parade the Republican organizations of New York county, which will be represented by about 200 men and a brass band.

The "Uncle Sams," headed by Frank T. Gilbert, of Buffalo, which, with their white hats and red, white and blue suits attracted so much attention in the last inaugural parade, will be on hand again.

The Uniform Rank of the Maccabees, according to arrangements made yesterday between Mr. Morgan and W. H. Sietzer, of Cleveland, O., will participate in the parade. The Washington companies have arranged quarters for the visitors, and the Cleveland organization expects to turn out a fine body of men.

Thomas E. Judson, of Utica, N. Y., writes that the "Sherman Scouts" of that city, will join the marching column with 108 men and a drum corps.

**Mr. Weller at Work.**  
Michael I. Weller, chairman of the public comfort committee, has his office in the Merchant & Mechanics Bank building in working order, and has begun to file applications for quarters and to receive officers, rooms and meals for the army of visitors who will be in Washington during the inauguration week.

The committee on printing was announced yesterday as follows: Scott C. Bowen, chairman; Frederick E. Chapin, Arthur B. Baker, Ira E. Bennett, John B. Dickman, S. B. Donnelly, Isaac Gans, J. W. Herron, William A. Hill, Edward L. Hillyer, Raymond Patterson, D. S. Porter, Joseph S. Ralph, William S. Rossiter, Hugh E. Rowland, Edgar B. Shaw, Charles C. Thompson, John L. Weaver, Alexander Wolf, T. A. Wickersham.

### MAY SUCCEED HIMSELF

Justice William F. Ross, of Tennessee district will likely succeed himself. Several months ago he was appointed to the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. B. Inna, who moved to Illinois, and at the recent election Lloyd Anderson was elected but he declines to serve. A petition has been before the county court to appoint Mr. Ross, but the court decided that he would hold over until January 1, as his successor has not qualified and does not intend to do so. It may be that he will then be appointed.

## KILLING OF MOORE WAS UNNECESSARY

### FAMOUS SUIT COMES TO END

King Land Case Involves Big  
Tracts and is Long  
Drawn-Out.

As mentioned in a brief note in the Telegram yesterday the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals has rendered opinions in the famous King land case in which every decision of Judge John W. Mason, of the Monongahela-Marion circuit, is upheld. This means that the four hundred defendants in the suit will be allowed to retain the land of which they are now possessed. The case involved 500,000 acres of land in McDowell, Wyoming, Logan and Wayne counties, values at \$20,000,000. Judge Frank Cox of Morgantown, was one of the attorneys for the defense, and had the honor of closing the six-days' argument before the Supreme Court at Charleston in November. More than fifty attorneys were employed by the defendants, and Judge Cox was one of the six selected for the argument. Judge Dillon, of New York, was one of the six. Maynard F. Stiles, of Charleston, who moved to that city from New Hampshire, and who has done nothing but manage the plaintiff's side of the litigation for fifteen years was chief counsel for the plaintiff. Hon. W. S. Meredith was associated with Judge Stiles in the case of Marston county.

The decision removes a cloud that has hampered the sale and transfer of real estate in Southern West Virginia for 25 years. It means that hereafter a land-owner in any of the four counties named can sell and transfer his property and give a good title. The importance of the decision is understood when the main facts are known.

In 1795, Robert Morris received from the State of Virginia, a patent for 500,000 acres of land in Southern West Virginia. Henry C. King, representing himself and a number of New York bankers, purchased the rights conveyed under this patent about 25 years ago. Since that time, they have endeavored to get possession of the land, by bringing suit in proper form against four hundred persons who occupy the land as homes and who claim it under school lands sales of forfeited lands and under junior patents from Virginia and West Virginia. The constitution of West Virginia transfers lands forfeited to the State to the actual occupants and the taxpayers claiming the lands. These lands were forfeited for the non-payment of taxes to the State of West Virginia.

Under the decision, each of the four hundred defendants gets the lands of which he is actually possessed at this time, providing of course that his title is good otherwise.

The litigation which began with the patent of Robert Morris, purchased by Henry C. King in 1863, was originally instituted in the circuit court of Wyoming county. Since that time it has been heard in many of the counties of the state, and finally came to Judge Mason, of this circuit. Judge Mason rendered decisions on all the points involved, and the case was appealed to the supreme court of the state. It came up for oral argument on November 10, and since that time the members of the court have been engaged largely in going through the tremendous mass of matter submitted to them. There is but one point that is left open. This is the question of the constitutionality of the forfeiture clause of the State constitution. The Supreme Court of the United States will be asked to pass upon it. When the suit was first instituted the case was taken to the Supreme Court, of the United States on this point, and the West Virginia constitution was sustained. It is expected that the decision will be reaffirmed.

During the progress of the suit hundreds of attorneys have been employed by the defendants and thousands of dollars have been spent. It is said that King and his associates have received large sums of money from time to time from defendants who desire to make sale, and who were willing to pay handsomely to have them waive all claims under the Morris patent.

### KILLED BY TRAIN

John Blackhawk, a foreigner, was employed at the tin plate mills, was run down and killed by No. 55 last night.

Declares United States Deputy  
Marshal Hupp of  
the Affair.

### MANNER OF SHOOTING

As Well As Man's Record  
Shows He Could Have  
Been Taken Easily.

Deputy Marshal Hupp yesterday arrested Tom Madden for running a speakeasy in Fairmont. He waived examination before Commissioner Lilly at Gratton and gave bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance here on the first day of the January term of United States court, says the Parkersburg State Journal. Deputy Hupp came in this morning and will spend Christmas here with his family. He has quite a number of prisoners scattered through the jails of the interior which he will bring here for the coming term of court. Four will be brought in from Gratton jail on the first day of January.

In speaking of the recent killing of Deb Moore by Wheeling officers of the State, near Philippi, Deputy Hupp said that during his five years as deputy marshal he had never had any evidence that Moore was a moon-shiner, the offense with which he was charged by the state. During this time Moore had never been before the Federal court.

"He was shot down, in his shirt-sleeves and unarmed, in the yard of his home," said Col. Hupp. "If I had had occasion to take him, which I never did, I could have done so without any trouble, not because I am such a hero or fire eater, but simply because I knew him and treated him like a man. Whenever they went after Moore, they did it like they were hunting a wild beast and it aroused every grain of the fighting instinct in him, which was strong. He had the reputation of being a bad man, and he was, when roused. He was much such a man as Humes Devaughn—a natural born scrapper."

Col. Hupp had just received his monthly letter from William H. Shriver. It was the usual illegible and incoherent scrawl that the big deputy has been receiving from the old gentleman ever since he arrested him for sending a dun on a postal card, some two years ago. Shriver, who had lived at Randall, since became mentally unbalanced through business troubles and the remembrance of the postal card incident preys on his mind. The letters, which are totally without meaning, revolve about the episode. The Colonel has long ago given up the attempt at deciphering them, and merely files them away for future reference.

## NOT CONFIRMED

Is the Appointment of Work  
But Will Be Soon After  
the Holidays.

PARKERSBURG, Dec. 24.—As it is now certain that George Work will not be confirmed as collector by the senate after the holiday recess, it is not probable that he will take hold until the first of February. After the confirmation of the department at Washington decides when the transfer shall be made and it is not likely that it will make the transfer in the middle of the month.

When Mr. Work takes hold he will find the personnel of the office frozen just as it was when Mr. Glasecock resigned. All of the officers who followed Mr. White up, when the latter ascended to become acting collector, will ascend back into their old positions as Capt. White assumes the position of chief deputy. The promotions were temporary, pending the settlement of the collectorship, and providing for such a contingency as has arisen. Captain White did not fill the last vacancy created by him, in Wheeling. All of the deputies are secure of their places, including Miss Edith Smoot, stenographer. The talk of Mr. Work's retaining Capt. White as chief deputy has been rather superfluous. Capt. White, like the others, is under civil service, and would naturally retain his position.

### CHILDREN REMINDED.

The children of the Episcopal Sunday school are requested not to forget the Christmas tree in the parish house Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock.